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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle comprising:
 - a. a frame comprising a plurality of frame members;
 - b. an engine disposed on the frame;
 - c. a straddle seat disposed on the frame for accommodating a rider;
 - d. a handlebar disposed on the frame for steering the vehicle:
 - e. a front suspension disposed on the frame;
 - f. at least a front wheel disposed on the front suspension;
 - g. a rear suspension disposed on the frame, the rear suspension comprising a rear swing arm pivotally connected to the frame at a swing arm pivot axis and a shock absorber operatively disposed between the frame and the rear swing arm;
 - h. at least one rear wheel disposed on the rear swing arm; and
 - a continuously variable transmission operatively connecting the engine to the at least one rear wheel, the continuously variable transmission comprising a housing that comprises at least one of the plurality of frame members,

the swing arm being pivotable relative to the housing about the swing arm pivot axis.

- 2. (Original) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the frame is a unitary structure.
- 3. (Original) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein a load transmitted to the frame by the rear swing arm is borne by the housing.
- 4. (Original) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein a load transmitted to the frame by the swing arm is borne by the housing and the rear shock absorber.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the continuously variable transmission further comprises a drive pulley and a driven pulley, the driven pulley comprising a centrifugal clutch and the driven pulley has a driven pulley axis.

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- 6. (Original) The vehicle of claim 4, wherein the vehicle has only one front wheel and one rear wheel.
- 7. (Original) The vehicle of claim 4, wherein the vehicle has two front wheels and one rear wheel.
- 8. (Original) The vehicle of claim 4, wherein the vehicle has two front wheels and two rear wheels.
- 9. (Original) The vehicle of claim 4, wherein the frame members are separately manufactured.
- 10. (Original) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the frame defines a storage bin between the handlebar and the seat that is sized to accommodate a helmet.
- (Currently Amended) The vehicle of claim 5 A vehicle comprising: 11.
 - a frame comprising a plurality of frame members;
 - an engine disposed on the frame;
 - a straddle seat disposed on the frame for accommodating a rider;
 - a handlebar disposed on the frame for steering the vehicle; d.
 - a front suspension disposed on the frame;
 - at least a front wheel disposed on the front suspension;
 - a rear suspension disposed on the frame, the rear suspension comprising a rear swing arm pivotally connected to the frame at a swing arm pivot axis and a shock absorber operatively disposed between the frame and the rear swing arm;
 - at least one rear wheel disposed on the rear swing arm; and
 - a continuously variable transmission operatively connecting the engine to the at least one rear wheel, the continuously variable transmission comprising:
 - a housing that comprises at least one of the plurality of frame members; and
 - a drive pulley and a driven pulley, the driven pulley comprising a centrifugal clutch and the driven pulley has a driven pulley axis,

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wherein the swing arm pivot axis is substantially aligned with the driven pulley axis.

- 12. (Original) The vehicle of claim 11, wherein the driven pulley axis is coaxial with the swing arm pivot axis.
- 13. (Original) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the housing is the lowest-most frame member.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A vehicle comprising:
 - a. a frame comprising a plurality of frame members;
 - a continuously variable transmission comprising a drive pulley, a driven pulley and a housing, the driven pulley having an axis and the housing comprising one of the plurality of frame members;
 - c. a gearbox disposed proximal to the driven pulley;
 - d. a centrifugal clutch operatively connected to the driven pulley, the centrifugal clutch having a center of rotation defining an axis, the axis being substantially coaxial with the driven pulley;
 - e. an engine disposed on the frame;
 - f. a straddle seat disposed on the frame for accommodating a rider;
 - g. a handlebar disposed on the frame for steering the vehicle;
 - h. a front suspension disposed on the frame;
 - i. at least a front wheel disposed on the front suspension;
 - j. a rear suspension disposed on the frame; [[and]]
 - k. a swing arm pivotally mounted to the frame and being pivotable relative to the housing about a pivot axis; and
 - 1. at least a rear wheel disposed on the swing arm.
- 15. (Original) The vehicle of claim 14, wherein the gearbox is a planetary type gearbox.
- 16. (Original) The vehicle of claim 15, wherein the planetary type gearbox has a center of rotation defining an axis, the axis being substantially coaxial with the driven pulley axis.
- 17. (Cancelled)

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18. (Currently Amended) The vehicle of claim 14, further comprising A vehicle comprising:

- a. a frame comprising a plurality of frame members;
- a continuously variable transmission comprising a drive pulley, a driven
 pulley and a housing, the driven pulley having an axis and the housing
 comprising one of the plurality of frame members;
- c. a gearbox disposed proximal to the driven pulley;
- d. a centrifugal clutch operatively connected to the driven pulley, the centrifugal clutch having a center of rotation defining an axis, the axis being substantially coaxial with the driven pulley;
- e. an engine disposed on the frame;
- f. a straddle seat disposed on the frame for accommodating a rider;
- g. a handlebar disposed on the frame for steering the vehicle;
- h. a front suspension disposed on the frame;
- i. at least a front wheel disposed on the front suspension;
- i. a rear suspension disposed on the frame;
- k. a swing arm pivotally mounted to the frame about a pivot axis;
- l. at least a rear wheel disposed on the swing arm; and
- m. a brake, the brake having a center of rotation defining an axis, the axis being substantially coaxial with the driven pulley.

19. (Currently Amended) The vehicle of claim 14, further comprising A vehicle comprising:

- a. a frame comprising a plurality of frame members;
- a continuously variable transmission comprising a drive pulley, a driven
 pulley and a housing, the driven pulley having an axis and the housing
 comprising one of the plurality of frame members;
- c. a gearbox disposed proximal to the driven pulley;
- d. a centrifugal clutch operatively connected to the driven pulley, the centrifugal clutch having a center of rotation defining an axis, the axis being substantially coaxial with the driven pulley;
- e. an engine disposed on the frame;
- f. a straddle seat disposed on the frame for accommodating a rider;

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- g. a handlebar disposed on the frame for steering the vehicle;
- h. a front suspension disposed on the frame;
- i. at least a front wheel disposed on the front suspension;
- i. a rear suspension disposed on the frame;
- k. a swing arm pivotally mounted to the frame about a pivot axis;
- 1. at least a rear wheel disposed on the swing arm; and
- m. a drive system including a drive sprocket and a driven sprocket, the drive sprocket having a center of rotation defining an axis, the axis being substantially coaxial with the driven pulley.

20. (Original) A vehicle comprising:

- a. a frame including a plurality of frame members;
- b. an engine disposed on the frame;
- c. a straddle seat disposed on the frame for accommodating a rider;
- d. a handlebar disposed on the frame for steering the vehicle;
- e. a front suspension disposed on the frame;
- f. at least a front wheel suspended from the front suspension;
- a rear suspension disposed on the frame, the rear suspension comprising a shock absorber;
- h. a storage bin disposed between the handlebar and the straddle seat that is sized to accommodate at least one helmet;
- a continuously variable transmission disposed on the frame, the continuously variable transmission being completely supported by the front suspension and the rear suspension;
- j. a swing arm pivotally mounted to the frame about a pivot axis; and
- k. a frame member means for transmitting power from the engine to the wheel.